GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA

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Prevention of Flood from Gandak River
Ram Shri Janak

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of the Gandak river in kilometer from its points of origin to end and the districts from which it flows in the country;

(b) whether the Government is aware of the flood and soil erosion threat occurring due to this river while passing through Bihar including Balmiki Nagar Braj, Sonpur; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to prevent floods and soil erosion due to the said river?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION
(DR SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) The Gandak river originates from north of Dhaulagiri in Tibet near Nepal Border and flows through the Maharajganj and Kushinagar districts of Uttar Pradesh, and East Champaran, West Champaran, Muzaffarpur, Vaishali, Saran and Gopalganj districts of Bihar. The total length of river from its source to outfall into Ganga is 640 km., of which 260km.falls in India

(b) & (c) Yes, Madam. Flood Management being under the purview of the States, the schemes for flood control are formulated and implemented by concerned States as per their own priority. The Union Government supports the efforts of the States by providing technical guidance and also promotional financial assistance for management of floods in critical areas.

The Government of India has launched Flood Management Programme (FMP) for providing central assistance to States for works relating to river management, anti-erosion, restoration of damaged flood management works, anti-sea erosion etc. Under this programme, a total of 522 projects were approved in XI and XII Plans and central assistance of Rs 4873.07 Crore has been released to various States till date. The flood management schemes on river Gandakin West Champaran, East Champaran, Muzaffarpur, Gopalganj, Vaishali districts of Bihar have been included under the Flood Management Programme.

A scheme namely "Anti-erosion work for protection of Balmiki Nagar forest on the left bank of Gandak river in West Champaran district of Bihar, downstream of Barrage" with an estimated cost of Rs. 24.565 Crore was techno-economically appraised and cleared by Ganga Flood Control Commission in the year 2015.

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